

D.T.E. 99-94-I December 16, 1999

### NORTH ATTLEBORO GAS COMPANY

Application of North Attleboro Gas Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164 App., §§ 2-1 through 2-10, and 220 C.M.R. §§ 7.00 et seq., for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy of the Company's proposed operating budget and monthly surcharge for the Residential Energy Conservation Service Program for the period of January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. North Attleboro Gas Company is a member utility of Mass-Save, Inc., which provides services on its behalf.

### REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND PARTICIPATION

North Attleboro Gas Company ("Company") requests approval its operating budget and applicable monthly surcharge for its residential Energy Conservation Service ("ECS") Program for the calendar year ending December 31, 2000. The calculations, data, and reasons supporting this request will be available for public inspection at the Department of Telecommunications and Energy.

The Department invites public comment on this matter. Any person who desires to file written comments, or request a public hearing on this matter, shall submit an original and three (3) copies of such written comments, or petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding, with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 P.M.) Friday, December 24, 1999.

Any person who desires to participate in this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) Friday, December 24, 1999. A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03, and shall include a request for a hearing if a hearing is desired. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing -- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless

good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

The Petitioner, North Attleboro Gas Company, is required to give notice of this request for public comment and participation by publication hereof once at least seven (7) days prior to the close of the comment period in the Sun Chronicle (Attleboro) and the Boston Globe.

The Petitioner is also required to mail a copy of this notice at least seven (7) days prior to the end of the comment period to any person who has intervened in the prior two annual ECS hearings.

The Petitioner is also required to make return of service and proof of publication at the time of the close of the comment period.

By Order of the Department,

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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary